

September 28, 2006

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren and Williams attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Comm. Epison; Supt. Givens; Acting Fire Chief Reese; Greg Russell - Russell Excavating; and Nancy Sexton.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Williams moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Acting Fire Chief Reese stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens updated the Board about the situation on Coronado Drive. He stated TMI has been digging and the lines are exposed. He added he looked at the lines, though Mr. Andrews has better pictures, it appears it is the main sewer line. He stated TMI indicated there is a 90 degree elbow where the lateral goes into the main sewer line and that is where the problem is. He added he would like to take a look at it himself to verify that, but again, it appears to be the main sewer line.

Mayor Knowles agreed he should take a look at it himself and asked when he would be doing that ?

Supt. Givens replied he is not sure when TMI can get back down there, they are pretty busy, hopefully tomorrow.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Board had any questions ? She stated if Supt. Givens is comfortable with TMI fixing the problem, and it is the city's, she has no problem with that.

The Board consented.

Supt. Givens stated he was told today of possibly three more digs that may need to be made, one at 912 Locust where there appears to be a cave in. He added it needs attention as soon as possible, there are also gas and water lines in the same trench, but the sewer line is the problem. He stated there is another issue at 714 College in the alley, and it is sinking in pretty decent. He then added the third is located at 500 Mulberry Street. He stated this one has been a problem for some time and in the past has just been filled with rock as a fix, but it really needs fixed properly. He stated he has spoken with Comm. Epison and the street department is willing to assist with the dig in any way they can.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Williams stated it is again nice to see the departments working together.

Mayor Knowles asked if Board consented to Supt. Givens doing some investigative work on these three digging issues ?

Board consented.

Supt. Givens reported the sewer department has received the dump truck from the water works, but there is an issue, they have no title yet.

Mayor Knowles stated Miss Bennett mentioned that earlier today during the State Board of Accounts exit conference.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added both trucks were just recently paid off, actually this month.

Mayor Knowles stated it can take a few weeks for the title to arrive.

Supt. Givens wondered if Supt. Gray or Miss Bennett could call the company to find out what the hold up is.

Mayor Knowles stated she will call them, when she calls, things magically appear.

Supt. Givens stated, in reference to the lawn mower they had discussed at some previous meetings, the one they borrowed from the street department did a great job. He added he really liked the mower and has not yet been able to get prices on a new one, but he will do that and report back to the Board.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Epison stated he would like to publicly thank the street department workers for all of their hard work the last couple of weeks, especially this week while he was gone attending the IACT Annual Conference. He then stated, as the Board is aware, the Mayor has been working on the vintage sign project and four sections of the city were completed this year. He then continued his report by stating they are having storm water drainage problems all over the city and he would just ask that the public please be patient, they are working on it.

Mayor Knowles replied she believes it will not be very long until the city is forced to form a Storm Water Utility, which will not be popular. She added forming such a utility will cost the constituents money, but may not be avoidable. She stated IDEM has not required this yet, but it may be coming.

Comm. Epison stated last month the department also started on some of the trash violators they have around town. He added five of the 13 notices they sent have been cleaned up, with only one being done by the city. Again, he stated, he is asking for patience, they are working on it.

Mayor Knowles added she personally appreciates all of their efforts on this, it is a huge undertaking.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is opening bids on the demolition of the Behimer property.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe opened the bids in the order in which they were received, as follows:

1. Russell's Excavating & Septic Tanks, Inc.

Accompanied by Bid Bond

1. We will install construction safety fence around work area. We will

request the closing of Water Street area when the smoke stack is brought down.

2. We do not plan to sublet any portion of this project.

3. Equipment to be used includes a 108 Link Belt Crane, Excavators, backhoes and Dump Trucks.

4. No contracts required for completion of this project.

\$79,100.00

2. Velpen C & D Fill Site, Inc.

Accompanied by Cashiers Check

1. A crane will be used to bring down smoke stack. Once stack is leveled an excavator will be brought in for the rest of the demolition and loading out of debris.

2. Subcontractors:

1. Graber Construction and Crane Service

Rte 3 Box 500

Washington, IN 47501

2. Wilhite Excavating, Inc.

Rte 1 Box 125

Francisco, IN 47649

3. Crane, Trac-hoe excavator, tri-axle dump truck

4. All prices are under contract

\$37,500.00

Mayor Knowles stated they are on an expedited schedule on this demolition, so she suggested the Board review the bids now.

Board then review the bids.

Mayor Knowles suggested the Board decide which direction they would like to go in so that after Attorney Funkhouser reviews them, they can proceed.

Board member Williams stated, after comparing the bids, it is really hard to tell if they are comparing apples to apples, due to the price difference. He did state, however, they are bidding on taking down the same building.

Mayor Knowles reminded the Board the City is limited on funds, she would suggest they take the lowest bid, if Attorney Funkhouser agrees.

Board member Williams moved the Board accept the low bid of Velpen at \$37,500.00, pending legal review by Attorney Funkhouser. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles stated under Old Business, she would like remind everyone that the Bell of Louisville will be at the City's riverfront on November 5 for three cruises; a lunch cruise, afternoon sight-seeing cruise, and a dinner cruise.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

Supt. Givens stated he thought Mayor Knowles wanted to talk to him about GASB 34 ?

Mayor Knowles replied well, not really, just something that came up in the exit conference with State Board of Accounts today. She stated she can recall spending \$5,000 to have the waste water treatment plant compliant with the fixed asset policy, GASB 34, though they were written up again in the audit for not being in compliance. She added she thought that had been taken care of and resolved. She added she has a call in to Ted Sommer with London Witte, whom she thought had done this for the city. She then asked if Supt. Givens had sent Mr. Sommer the information he needed to complete asset policy ?

Supt. Givens replied not all of it, there were some items that did not have amounts on them. He stated he thought he and Mayor Knowles had a discussion about this some time ago.

Mayor Knowles replied she does not recall that conversation.

Supt. Givens added he will get Mr. Sommer the information he needs tomorrow.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any other New Business ?

Nancy Sexton approached and stated she would once again like to discuss the storm sewer situation in front of her homes on Water Street. She added she is no engineer, but she does have an idea. She then showed the Board a drawing of an interim patch that might work for the short term. She wondered about placing some piping and grating on Water Street to help with the flow of water coming down from 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets.

Comm. Epison replied that he has had success with the storm sewer drain down there just by going down and cleaning it out every once in a while.

Ms. Sexton agreed and added there have been two cars on two different occasions get flooded out in the middle of the street. She added he idea is just an interim idea, a little patch for the bigger problem. She stated it would also help drain the water toward the river and alleviate the water from all of the other streets coming down to Water Street and pooling there.

Mayor Knowles asked if there are any other areas of the city where the iron gates are used for this purpose ?

Comm. Epison replied yes, at Country Club and Smith Road. He then stated the bigger issue they have is actually at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mulberry and once that is resolved, it will help the situation with Ms. Sexton on Water Street. He added they will continue to work on it.

Ms. Sexton stated another issue that is causing some of the drainage problems are roots in the lines. She added there is an old dead tree on Mulberry and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets that needs to come down, as it could be contributing to the problem. She wondered if it could be taken down.

Mayor Knowles stated that is someone's tree and she does not believe it would go over very well if the City took it down.

Mayor Knowles continued with New Business by stating an opportunity has opened up for the City to apply for another Brownfield Grant. She added she would like to make application for the riverfront property, the silo portion.

Board member Williams agreed that would absolutely be a good idea to apply.

Mayor Knowles added this could be done on an expedited schedule as well, and the possible grant amount is \$300,000, with the possibility of no matching funds.

Board consented for Mayor Knowles to make application.

Mayor Knowles then stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer